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The reply filed on March 4, 2003, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action, Paper No. 8, mailed August 227, 2002, because of the following omission:

The restriction requirement of Paper No. 8 required that Applicant elect, page 2, line 3, "one of the following inventions". Instead, Applicant has elected three inventions. This is an incomplete election. While Applicant may argue that one or more inventions might be combined with an individual, elected, invention, the election of a single election is required. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be **complete** must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37CFR 1.143).

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

**Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William W. Moore whose telephone number is 703.308.0583. The examiner can normally be reached between 9:00AM and 5:30PM EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy, can be reached at 703.308.3804. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703.308.4242 for regular communications and 703.308.0294 for After Final communications. The examiner's direct fax phone number is 703.746.3169. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703.308.0196.**

  
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